

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Sheehan entered the meeting after the roll was called. Also present were Scott Murray, WKWH, and Starr Shuppert, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the July 19, 2005 meeting were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following to Council:

- Last Thursday a pre-bid conference was held on the southside annexation project. There were 8 contractors at the meeting. The bid opening will be this Friday, August 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the council chambers.
- A draft copy of the newly formed Rush County Solid Waste Management District was presented by CGS Services at last night's meeting. A public hearing on the plan will be held at the September 12th meeting. The public hearing will begin at 5:00 p.m., in the Commissioner's Room on the first floor of the courthouse.
- An existing ordinance is now in place concerning temporary street and alley closings. The authority to issue such permits is now given to the Chief of Police. I would like to change this authority to the Code Compliance Manager. I have spoken with Tony and Jack and they are both supportive of the change. With your blessing, I will request the city attorney draft an amendment to the ordinance and present it at the next meeting.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley reminded Council that they will need to have a definite number for the salary ordinance at the next meeting. The salary ordinance will have to be passed on third and final reading by September 20.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * *

Pavey passed out a letter to Council from Jim Houston.

He also said he received 2 letters for Council's appointment to the Utility Board. They were Michael Butch Singleton and Steve Sickbert. Council decided to have interviews at an executive session immediately before the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge passed out a monthly report.

Street – Bennett is getting quotes to purchase a dump truck.

Code Enforcement – Harmon passed out his monthly report.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

Ryan Barton came before Council with a concern for preserving historic buildings downtown. He said the entire downtown is considered a historic landmark. He said he would like to do something to be able to help restore the old buildings. Bridges invited him to the next meeting on the Princess Theater. He also said he could get him an appointment on the Heart of Rushville Board of Directors. Barton was very appreciative.

Pavey said he had a concern regarding fast traffic in the newly annexed area. This is by French Insurance. Fudge will look into the matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Public Hearing Sub-Division Control Ordinance – Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing on the Sub-Division Control Ordinance and the maps. McGowan asked if the ordinance addressed a homeowner's association. Joe Ratz said that could be added in regard to common areas.

Bridges noted some errors on the maps, which Ratz agreed to revise. Ratz asked if there was any comment from the audience. There was none. Fields moved to close the public hearing. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried and Bridges declared the public hearing closed. Byrne then made a motion to pass the Sub-Division Control Ordinance and maps with the revisions. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amendments to False Alarm Policy – Fudge noted that the Police Department received 8 alarm calls last month. He will have Newhouse prepare an ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Blue River Telcom Presentation – Randy Frye gave a presentation on designing a network for fiber optics in 2 phases. The first phase would include the City and County. It would cost approximately \$179,000.00 to be divided between the City and County. Phase II would make the fiber optics available to the downtown businesses. After lengthy discussion, Pavey made a motion to continue the City's commitment with the Fiber Board and move forward with the fiber optics network with Blue River, and to earmark \$100,000.00 for Phase I. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pre-Payment Letter to Annexed Areas Residents – Bridges presented a letter to the newly annexed area residents regarding a pre-payment option for their water and sewer hook-up. Sheehan made a motion to approve the letter. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Sheehan offered a big "thank-you" to everyone involved in the concert at the amphitheater. With a special thank you to McGowan and Pavey. Byrne said it was a great event and commented there were no mosquitoes.

Claims – Pavey made a motion to approve all claims as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

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ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER